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Hon Bernard Chan, GBS, JP  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation to  
Introduce a Unified Carrier Licence under the  
Telecommunications Ordinance  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Building  
8 Jackson Road  
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Hong Kong

Dear Mr Chan,

**Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation to Introduce a Unified Carrier Licence  
("UCL") under the Telecommunications Ordinance ("Subcommittee")**

I refer to the Subcommittee meeting last Saturday, 14 June 2008 regarding the licence fees proposed by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau for the new UCL.

NWT disagrees with the proposal to impose a number fee of \$3 per subscriber number for numbering blocks allocated to the licensee, regardless of whether the numbers have been assigned to end customers or not.

OFTA emphasized that the introduction of the Number Fee is to encourage more efficient use of telephone numbers and to prolong the life of the Hong Kong Numbering Plan. However, there is no imminent shortage and the introduction of such is unnecessary.

The industry has been in discussion for measures to enhance the efficient use of numbers. NWT considers that the introduction of the Number Fee to be unnecessary. The side effect of such introduction will increase costs borne by end customers – the public of Hong Kong.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Leung'.

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